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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The Beutler amendment is adopted. Before we proceed with further discussion on LB 92, Senator Kremer announces the following guests are visiting the Legislature, Herb and Ardys Roszhart from Aurora, Norm and Beth Stucky from Jefferson City, Missouri, Ken Kremer from Aurora and Bev Kremer from Aurora, all family members of Senator Kremer. They are located under the south balcony. If you would rise, we'd like to recognize you and welcome you to the Nebraska Legislature. For discussion on the advancement of LB 92, the Chair recognizes Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, and members of the body, I just want to stand in support of this bill. It came through our committee and I can see the frustration of the people out there that has to drill six, eight, even as high as twenty to get enough water to pump on one pivot or more. So I think that this is a good step that would really help them, because this way it would allow them to pay the first \$100 on the first well and the second \$100 on the second, and then that would be it, don't matter how many more they drill. Now that is only if it is in this cluster going to one well, and so I think that's something that we should think about because you get up in my area, one well will bring eight, nine hundred gallon of water. You get down here, it might only bring fifty or sixty gallon of water. So I think this is really helping these people out, because if they just go down the road maybe ten miles, and the next guy can drill one and get eight hundred, it's not fair to them to pay one hundred dollars for every one of them and have to drill that many. So I'm standing in strong support of this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jones. Seeing no further lights, Senator Chris Peterson, you're recognized to close on the advancement of LB 92.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. And, again, I thank the committee for working quickly with this and advancing it to General File, and also for the support received on the floor. As I said, LB 92 does make irrigation wells part of the series that is in statute for the other wells that we have in the state. What it does is it says